

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, including lime green, forest green, and olive green, creating a modern, layered effect.

2019 Gypsy Moth Program Funding Options for Consideration

The 2019 Gypsy Moth Program being initiated in haste without proper funding considerations this has ramifications.

In an effort to be transparent and fund the Town initiated spray of private properties who were given no choice to opt-in or out and then individually billed, residents ask the Town to reopen all options for funding.

This is important because:

- ▶ There is a lack of precedence in the nature private property owners were billed for the Spray program.
- ▶ 294 properties were not properly notified by any form of properly addressed mail, were not told their property would be definitely affected and were not given an option to opt-in or out of the 2019 Gypsy Moth Spray Program. As a result, laws may have been violated.
- ▶ Rural property owners who were given the option to opt-in or stay out of the Spray Program may fall into a different category and that should be debated

Some potential funding options to cover costs to those impacted without notice or consent:

- ▶ Finding surplus by creating overlap in the 2019 Capital Budget
- ▶ Finding surplus in advance of the 2020 Budget - both capital and operating - through awarded grants and other programs
- ▶ Factoring in the cost-benefit of the 2019 Spray Program regarding the removal of dead trees in 2020
- ▶ The consideration previously unconsidered or inaccessible grant programs and how the Town can meet criteria to generate new funds
- ▶ Any other practical ideas staff or residents may have

Thank you for your time!